

ST. JEROMES, HYATTSVILLE



Please remember in your prayers, the sick and the shut-ins of our parish community, especially...Muriel Adams, Sheila Armentrout, Johnnie Aquilino, Daniel Birch, Liz Burdick, Betty Cahill Carol Colliere, Margaret Crandall,

Frances DeStefano, Paul Emmons, Martha Farnie, Margaret Federighi, Ruth Frazier, Frances Gray, Tony Green, Eileen Harrington,, Charlotte Houston, Elinor Jackson, Larry Jackson, , Rita Kline, Joseph Lipovsky, Larry Lorditch, Linda Lorditch, James McMahon Carol Mills,, Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, Rita O'Dea, Carla O'Mara, Sarah Proctor, Peter Randall, Alan Richwald, Sister Gioconda, Brandon Joseph Romaine, Robert Schultz, Jenny Stepanek, Mary Tamarantz, Brooke Wanex, Vickie Whalen-Romaine and family, Tony Zangla, and those known to you alone, those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, those suffering with cancer or depression, that they may know the Father's love through other's care and prayer. If you wish to be included on this prayer list, please call the Rectory (301/927-6684). To remove your name from this prayer list once you are on the mend, call the Rectory with the Good News!

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

WEEK OF
February 11 – February 17, 2008

MONDAY:

8:00 A.M. Joseph Heidenberg
12:00 p.m. Brian Gray

TUESDAY:

8:00 A.M. The Richwald family (living)

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 A.M. James & Margaret Mary Barr
12:00 p.m. Robert Brucken

THURSDAY:

8:00 A.M. Sister Helen Dych

FRIDAY:

8:00 A.M. Chris Needham
12:00 p.m. Patsy Sullivan

SATURDAY:

8:00 A.M. Grandfather Dennis Bevington
4:30 P.M. William O'Dea

SUNDAY:

7:30 A.M. Mary Elizabeth James
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Jerome
11:30 A.M. Rosemary Fuerst

Our weekday Mass Schedule has changed. Masses will be at 8 a.m. and 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will be at 8 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Readings for the Week of February 10, 2008

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 16, 2008

4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Jim Stack

SUNDAY, February 17, 2008

7:30 A.M. Father Jim Stack

9:30 A.M. Folk Group Father Jim Stack

11:30 A.M. Choir Father Jim Stack



Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you

worship and him alone shall you serve.'" - Mt 4:8-10

Problems? Worries? Concerns?

Bring them to Jesus and Leave them at St. Jerome's Church – open all day for Eucharistic Adoration every Friday until 4:30 p.m. Stop in for a visit to the God of Power and might and bring your children too. There is the 8:00 morning Mass followed by a Holy Hour of Prayer. The day ends with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4:30 p.m. You can stop for a short visit or longer. Teach your children the greatest power on earth – the power of Prayer

The kingdom of heaven is at hand...heal the sick."

Matthew 10:7

Healing Mass This Sunday

March 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

St. Jerome's Church Father Jim Stack, Celebrant Levels of Healing – Physical, Spiritual, Emotional, Psychological, Relational. In addition to the regular Sunday Liturgy, there will be laying on of hands and anointing after Communion.

"...only say the word and I shall be healed."

I have made the statement over the years that I will be available after Mass for anyone who would like to be prayed over for inner healing or prayer of any type. I have asked that you call on me if you need God's healing presence in your life. As the Mass takes place at St. Jerome's, I will need the support of your prayers so the Holy Spirit will work through my hands and bring His healing graces to us all. –Father Jim

Mass for Peace is celebrated each 1st Friday of the Month at Holy Redeemer Church in College Park at 7:30 p.m. This Mass will continue until our Troops are out of Iraq.

150th Jubilee Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

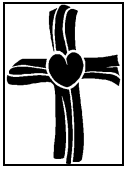
The faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to commemorate the 150th Jubilee of the Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, which will occur on February 11, 2008. Through the graciousness of the Holy See, parishioners who visit one of the 11 Archdiocesan pilgrimage churches before or on February 11, 2008 and fulfill certain conditions will have the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence. For more information, go to www.adw.org



Did you return the Commitment Card for our 2007 Offertory Program to the Rectory office. If not, it is not to late. *"Your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."* –Mt. 5:16

THE CROSS

The most common of all Christian signs, the cross, was not known as a symbol much before the fifth century.



Prior to this was shown in a veiled way. Christians were signing themselves with the cross as a mark of identification and as a blessing. It was not used openly, as it is today, a symbol of faith and principles. It was hidden to avoid betrayal to enemies of the Faith.

Early Christians avoided representing the body of Jesus on the cross. A popular hidden form of the cross was the anchor. The anchor has been for many ages the symbol of hope;



the Christians based their hope in the saving merits of Jesus Christ, and thus, very appropriately, the anchor came to symbolize the Savior. The initiated saw in its upright bar and transverse beam the figure of the cross. During the fifth and sixth centuries, the cross was decorated with precious jewels to represent the victory achieved through the cross and its power. Another motivation may have been the desire to erase the ugliness associated with crucifixion. Once popularized, the cross was so adorned and modified that there were, and are, many versions varying in form and decoration.



Every Friday during Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. The devotional practice of Stations of the Cross probably arose out of the practice, attested from an early date, of pilgrims at Jerusalem following the traditional route from Pilate's house to Calvary and wishing to reproduce an analogous devotion in their homes. On point of interest is our stain glass window of St. Helena. She was instrumental in the formulation of the Stations of the Cross as early as 312 A.D. She was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine. Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire and his mother St. Helena went to Jerusalem to identify all the shrines of Christian Antiquity. She, through the help of her son, built churches over all the sacred places having anything to do with the events of Christ's life. What held particular importance were the places on Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The formulation of the 14 stations we have today in our Catholic Churches goes back to the middle ages, particularly with St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis popularized such practices as the Stations of the Cross, the adoration of the Christmas crib and the Rosary (Although St. Dominic popularized the Rosary more than St. Francis.)

Francis drew people to Christ by way of pictures, hence the fourteen pictured stations on our church walls, and the memorized prayer formula: "We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." It worked for them and continues to work to this day.

I am happy to be a part of this great tradition, and hope that you will come with your family and your friends to join with us! See you Friday at the Stations!

Peace, Father Jim

St. JEROME'S MEN'S RETREAT

The St. Jerome's Men's Retreat is February 29th through March 2nd. For more information please call Jim Luby at 301/779-0474 or Frank Abbey at 301-027-6754.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Jerome's Church is having a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, February 24th at 7:30 a.m. celebrated by Father Stack. This Mass is the third of four Masses in which the Sacrament will be administered (the next one will be in March.)

Hurting After Abortion?

Do you feel like God could never really forgive you? You are invited to attend a support group to find peace in your life. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. **Project Rachel** sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting a support group for women and men who have unresolved feelings about their abortion experience. The support group will meet on Wednesday evening.

For additional information, including location, call or email Julia Shelava (202-269-4673 ext. 15 or 301/982-2008 ext 15) ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.

FREE PRO-LIFE NEWS!

You can email news@lifeneews.com to sign up for free pro-life news. Or to go to our website at www.lifeneews.com to do so.

Theology on Tap is Back!

Theology on Tap is back this winter, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington Young Adult Ministry. This "six pack" will be held Tuesdays, until March 12 at Ireland's Four Fields, 3412 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC (Cleveland Park Metro). "Happy Half Hour" begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by a short presentation at 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for young adults over the age of 21 to meet new friends and grow in faith. No RSVP required. For more information, please contact 301-853-4559 or yam@adw.org. Information on Theology on Tap and other young adult events can be found on the young adult events calendar at www.adw.org. **Archbishop Wuerl at Theology on Tap February 19th at 7 p.m., (talk begins at 7:30 pm)** Get ready to welcome Pope Benedict XVI to Washington! Join Archbishop Donald Wuerl for a talk on the papacy, "Who is Peter?"

DC 'Hood Basketball at the Verizon Center

All are invited to come out for a great day of family fun and basketball at the Verizon Center on Sunday, March 2, starting at 1:30 p.m. Come cheer on DC 'Hood (Washington priests and seminarians) as they battle Men in Black (Baltimore priests and seminarians) in a basketball game. The game promotes vocations to the priesthood. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Office of Youth Ministry/CYO of the Archdiocese of Washington. The ticket price includes both the DC 'Hood game and the Wizards-Hornets game that night at 6:00 p.m. Order your tickets online at www.verizoncenter.com/cyo. Please note: the Verizon Center must be cleared after the earlier game. Doors will re-open at 5:00 p.m. For information about activities between games near the Verizon Center, please contact Bill Anderson at banderson@washsports.com.

ST. JEROME'S SCHOOL NEWS

REMINDER: School accounts must be kept current in order for us to maintain our budget! Tuition accounts are due on the first of each month and payable in the Rectory office (across the street from the school)

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008

February 11: Confessions, Grade 3-8
February 12: Progress Reports, #3
February 18: Presidents Day, No Classes
February 19: Acre Testing, Grades 6 and 8
March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 14: End of the Third Quarter
March 18: Report Cards Distributed
March 20: No Classes, Holy Thursday
March 21: No Classes, Good Friday
March 23: Happy Easter
March 24 – 28: Spring Vacation
March 31: Classes Resume
FYI: CONFIRMATION: Tuesday, April 8 < 7:30 p.m. in Church

Child Protection in the Archdiocese of Washington

Child protection is a priority of the Archdiocese of Washington, which has the most comprehensive child protection policies in the nation. This policy calls for prevention, quick response, and pastoral care. **All employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children must attend child protection workshops and undergo a criminal background check, and those who suspect child abuse must report it to the authorities.** The policy (in English and Spanish), workshop schedules and reporting, fingerprinting and other information are available online at www.adw.org. (click on "Protecting Our Children"), and from your parish office and parish school principal. Anyone who has experienced harm from a person working or volunteering for a Church entity is encouraged to report this to the authorities and to contact the Archdiocesan Director of Child Protection Services, Ms. Marcia Zvara, 301-853-5328, so we may provide assistance.

Visit the NEW Catholic Standard and ElPregonero websites! Informative, interactive, exciting and fun! Log on to www.cathstan.org or www.elpreg.org to get started. It's all available online!

DID YOU KNOW

Grocery certificates are available after Mass each Sunday and weekdays at the Rectory Office during regular business hours. These Certificates earn money for our church and school at no cost to you! The parish earns 5% profit for each one you buy! If 400 families bought \$20.00 each week at a 5% profit this would equal \$400.00 total profit per week or \$20,800 total profit per year! Fifty dollars per week would earn \$52,000. for one year! Buying certificates is an easy habit to start, and a great way to help generate needed funds for the parish! Thanks

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: Renew your relationship in 2008! Want to make your good marriage a great marriage!? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. It is a private weekend designed to enhance today's relationships. February 23-25 in Lexington Park, MD. Call for information or to register now 301/924-5683 or <http://dc.wwme.org>

Parish Baby Shower!

St. Jerome's Ladies of Charity invite you to participate in their annual Parish Baby Shower for new mothers who need assistance. See the Outreach Table in the back of church for details and a list of suggested items. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts should be left in the box on the Outreach Table by Sunday, February 24th.

GIFT OF LIFE – DONATE BLOOD!

The American Red Cross will hold the first Blood Drive of 2008 at the Knights of Columbus, Prince George's Council on Monday, **February 11th** from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, Md. Please call Hugh O'Donnell at 301/937-6605 or Tom Young at 301/498-1946 for your appointment.



The following items are needed to help replenish the pantry for our St. Jerome's Café: **paper towels, juice, potato chips for bag lunches, fruit cups, cookies.** Donations can be left on the Outreach Table

in the vestibule, or at the Rectory during the week.

Lent, A Season of Conversion

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Holy Hour every Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Daily Mass and Individual Reconciliation: Mass is celebrated Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12 noon. Individual reconciliation begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday or you may call the Rectory for an appointment.

The Light is On For You! *This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Washington will have confessions available every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church.*

R.C.I.A. (Journey of Faith) Saturday evening February 23rd at the 4:30 Mass, those preparing to enter the Church will participate in the Rite of Sending, followed by the Rite of Election in March. These rites mark the third step in their journey to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The rites provide and opportunity for the catechumens/candidates officially to request entrance to the Church through the Easter Sacraments of initiation and for the community to respond to that request with affirmation, and prayer. Beginning with the First Sunday of Lent, the catechumens and candidates will enter into their "40-day retreat" to focus on deepening their awareness of God's grace through prayer, study and sacrifice. We are beside them in prayer.

Triduum Holy Thursday, March 20th, Good Friday, March 21st, and Holy Saturday, March 22nd are the greatest of liturgies that express the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Those who have been studying the Catholic Faith in our R.C.I.A. program and who, by God's call, are now ready to become Catholics, will do so at the Easter Vigil.

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